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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2264

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

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SAN JOSE AND PARIS FOR NESCO; QUITO FOR BELL

1. EMBOFF MET WITH FONMIN'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, LIC. GUSTAVO SANTIZO GALVEZ, JULY 7 TO DISCUSS US CONCERNS RE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE.

2. SANTIZO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US OPPOSITION TO ANY POLICIES THAT MIGHT RESTRICT COMMUNICATION AND SAID GOG WILL OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO EITHER LIMIT FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION OR INCREASE STATE CONTROL OVER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEDIA. SANTIZO COMMENTED THAT GUATEMALA'S SUPPORT FOR A

COMPLETELY FREE PRESS REMAINS UNCHANGED, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT FOR SHORT PERIOD OF CRISIS IN THE PAST IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO PLACE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE PRESS.

3. SANTIZO, HOWEVER, HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY PROPOSALS TO EXPAND COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SANTIZO POINTED OUT THAT IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE PRESS IS GOVERNMENT REGULATED AND GUATEMALA WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT ANY POLICY THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. GUATEMALA'S ONLY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DR. JAIME BARRIOS PENA, ITS RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA.

5. COMMENT: BASED ON THE GENERAL THRUST OF SANTIZO'S REMARKS AND THE FACT THAT GUATEMALA IS ACCREDITING ONLY ITS AMBASSADOR TO SAN JOSE, IT APPEARS THAT THE GOG IS NOT ASCRIBING ANY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH SANTIZO SAID HE HAD RECENTLY TALKED WITH BARRIOS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE PASSING TO HIM FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOME FURTHER GUIDANCE, HE GAVE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WITHIN CERTAIN BROAD GUIDELINES BARRIOS WILL HAVE A RELATIVELY FREE HAND IN SAN JOSE.

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